



2013

NEW TIMES AHEAD

(the year after The End Of The World As We Know It)

As before, we haven't really ended or started anything major this year, but we always find ourselves working on something different, so in that sense it's been another year of normal changes, fireworks shows, chickens, garden, household stuff, and making the world a brighter and dimmer place (with our lighting controls).

We're still helping out with our local food banks, picking up and delivering food to those in need. It's nice helping to prevent tons of food from being tossed in the trash.

We're making plans to improve our backyard garden by adapting a grow tank to our fish pond to utilize the fish waste in a hydroponic like system called aquaponics. We're also planning to enclose the area in a greenhouse for hopefully, longer veg production into the winter and to help in keeping the raccoons away from the fish.

Over the summer, some friends cut down a couple of trees and let us have the wood for firewood, which was nice as it was a good time to stock up for winter.

We started going to a few machine tool trade shows to expand our business capabilities to include more and better prototyping. At one, we found and invested in a small 3D printer. We've already printed some parts for customers, but are still learning the ins and outs of printing stuff.

Our company received Apple MFi status which allows us to design accessories for Apple products. To keep profits high, Apple is very picky about all aspects of accessories, so while we can design them, after approval they have to be assembled at one of the normal high volume Apple manufacturing facilities.

***Hope you and yours have a happy holiday season
and best wishes for the new year.***

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